

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate/House passed Debt Limit Increase.

Senate agreed to Farm Bill Conference Report and Foreign Relations Authorizations Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3037–S3170

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1648–1654, and S. Con. Res. 50. **Pages S3156–57**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1596, to direct a property conveyance in the State of California. (S. Rept. No. 104–247)

H.R. 255, to designate the Federal Justice Building in Miami, Florida, as the "James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building".

H.R. 869, to designate the Federal building and U.S. Courthouse located at 125 Market Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse".

H.R. 1804, to designate the United States Post Office-Courthouse located at South 6th and Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas, as the "Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building".

H.R. 2415, to designate the United States Customs Administrative Building at the Ysleta/Zaragosa Port of Entry located at 797 South Ysleta in El Paso, Texas, as the "Timothy C. McCaghren Customs Administrative Building".

H.R. 2556, to redesignate the Federal building located at 345 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park, California, and known as the Earth Sciences and Library Building, as the "Vincent E. McKelvey Federal Building". **Page S3154**

Measures Passed:

Debt Limit Increase: Senate passed H.R. 3136, to provide for enactment of the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1996, the Line-Item Veto Act, and the Small Business Growth and Fairness Act of 1996, and to provide for a permanent increase in the public debt limit, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3114–23, S3125**

Enrollment Requirements: Senate passed H.J. Res. 168, waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to two bills of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3124**

Administration of Presidio Properties: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments thereto: **Pages S3090–S3101**

Pending:

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 3564, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3091**

Dole (for Burns) Amendment No. 3571 (to Amendment No. 3564), to provide for the exchange of certain land and interests in land located in the Lost Creek area and other areas of the Deerlodge National Forest, Montana. **Page S3091**

Dole (for Burns) Amendment No. 3572 (to Amendment No. 3571), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3091**

Kennedy Amendment No. 3573, to provide for an increase in the minimum wage rate. **Pages S3091–S3100**

Kerry Amendment No. 3574 (to Amendment No. 3573), in the nature of a substitute. (By a unanimous vote of 97 nays (Vote No. 52), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Page S2898**

Dole motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions. **Page S3091**

Dole Amendment No. 3653 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), to strike the instructions and insert in lieu thereof "to report back by April 21, 1996 amendments to reform welfare and Medicaid effective one day after the effective date of the bill. **Page S3091**

Dole Amendment No. 3654 (to Amendment No. 3653), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3091**

Also, during consideration of this measure today, the Senate took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 58) three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Kennedy Amendment No. 3573, listed above. **Page S3101**

Farm Bill Conference Report: By 74 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 57), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs. **Pages S3037–90, S3100–01**

Foreign Relations Authorizations Conference Report: By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 59), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal year 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3101–14, S3123–46**

Advisory Board on Welfare Indicators: Pursuant to P.L. 103–432, the following were named to the Advisory Board on Welfare Indicators: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, Jo Anne B. Barnhart, of Virginia, Martin H. Gerry, of Kansas, and Gerald H. Miller, of Michigan, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, Paul E. Barton, of New Jersey. **Page S3168**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the National Endowment for the Arts for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–137). **Pages S3152–53**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Kenneth H. Bacon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Joseph J. DiNunno, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2000.

Franklin D. Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Johnny H. Hayes, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2005.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

20 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the President: **Pages S3152–53**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total–59) **Pages S3100–01, S3101, S3146**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 9:46 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, March 29, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3168–69.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Michael Taylor, Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety, Michael Dunn, Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Lonnie J. King, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Lon S. Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, and Dennis L. Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 16.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for